

President of Vermont Law School, as Chairperson of Vermont Advisory Committee of U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. His greatest honors have come not from institutions, corporations, bureaucracies, but from the place held for him in the hearts of his fellow citizens. Deeply honored and revered by all in Vermont, Phil Hoff remains accessible and warm, a good neighbor, a good friend, a model citizen, to thousands and thousands of Vermonters.

On my own behalf and on behalf of the entire state of Vermont, Let me conclude by wishing Phil Hoff, our finest public citizen, our model of what a human being can and should be, a very, very happy eightieth birthday. Phil, the nation, as well as Vermont, is proud of you.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO STOP FORUM SHOPPING BY NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2004

Mr. JOHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce The Stop Forum Shopping Act of 2004. The trend of forum shopping by Native American Tribes for the ideal venue to locate a casino has become quite troubling. Tribes with no connection to lands, sometimes hundreds of miles from their home area, are seeking to place these lands into trust solely for gaming purposes. Today, I urge my colleagues to join me in curbing this trend by amending the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) to define ambiguous language and clearly reflect the intent of the law.

Recent events in my home state of Louisiana best illustrate the need for these definitions. A Tribe that has been federally recognized since 1995 has only recently sought to obtain their "initial reservation" on lands over one hundred miles from their historical lands. They have also secured distant land for a casino that would have a negative economic impact on the five non-tribal, tax-paying casinos that operate less than 50 miles away. While the IGRA permits tribes to take such distant land into trust for gaming under very limited circumstances, the law did not intend for tribes to use such exceptions to shop for real estate.

The Stop Forum Shopping Act of 2004 will prevent tribes from cherry picking land for a casino by clarifying the meaning of initial reservation and consultation. Essentially, this Act will heighten the level of scrutiny given to such action and increase the required notice to impacted parties. This Act will stay true to the intent of the IGRA by limiting an initial reservation to a tribe's service area, where more than 50 percent of the tribal members reside, or where the tribe has historically resided. Furthermore, this act will increase the requirements of the consultation process so that all impacted parties are provided adequate notice of any gaming proposals within 50 miles of their area and an opportunity to participate in the process.

I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing that venue shopping by Native American Tribes is an increasing problem that must be addressed. Not only is it against the intent

of the IGRA, it is unfair to the many tribes that abide by the rules and work hard in remote locations to provide economic benefits to their members. Allowing any tribe to circumvent the intent of the IGRA and randomly select the most economically advantageous lands should not be an option.

CONGRATULATING THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, it is a bit surreal for Congress to pass a Resolution congratulating a peaceful Iraqi transition on one of the bloodiest days of the insurgency movement. This Resolution seems more an exercise in self deception. I am hopeful that in the coming days, Congress and this administration will focus instead on how to stem the violence that continues to escalate, and to address the deep questions about our policies and management.

Congressional oversight is needed to examine the long term costs and consequences, and to determine what went wrong and how to fix it. It is critical to improving the safety of our soldiers and the people of Iraq who are struggling to rebuild their country.

Until we can be honest with our soldiers, the American public and the Iraqi people I think it is decidedly inappropriate to continue with resolutions of this nature.

A TRIBUTE TO KENNETH V. TURVEY

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2004

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend, Kenneth V. Turvey, who for the past fifty years has served as the Organist and Director of Music for my church, the First United Methodist Church in Huntsville, Alabama.

Ken was born in Dayton, Ohio and became a church organist while still a freshman in High School. While receiving both his Bachelor and Master of Music Degrees from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, Ken served as the Associate Organist-Choirmaster at Cincinnati Christ Episcopal Church.

Ken went on to serve his country proudly as a Chaplain's Assistant in the United States Army. While in the Army, he served seventeen months in Korea and organized an Easter Sunrise service of "Handel's Hallelujah Chorus" for Commanding General Maxwell Taylor.

On January 17, 1955, Ken began his work at the First United Methodist Church as its Organist and Music Director, a position he has held ever since. Through the decades, he has been a constant and reassuring presence for many of us in North Alabama. He is highly respected and committed to helping others throughout North Alabama.

On June 30, 2004, Ken is retiring from First United Methodist Church. I am so privileged to have heard this talented man in person. It will

be strange not seeing him at the organ leading the church choir but all of us in North Alabama are fortunate to have known Ken and have him as a member of our community. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ken Turvey on his wonderful service to First United Methodist Church and wish him the very best for a well-deserved rest.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF DR. J. ROBERT BEYSTER

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2004

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Dr. J. Robert Beyster, the founder of Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC). Thirty-five years ago, Bob Beyster and a small group of scientists founded SAIC in my home town of San Diego. During this 35th anniversary, I would like to recognize Bob for his accomplishments in creating and leading a company dedicated to helping the United States government protect and serve its people.

Today, SAIC is one of the nation's top federal prime contractors. One unique aspect of this corporation is the fact that it is truly "employee-owned." Dr. Beyster believed strongly that "those who helped him build the company should own the company." Most of the 40,000 plus employees currently own SAIC stock.

SAIC has always worked with the U.S. Government, and has played a key role in our national security by providing systems engineering and integration support for our Armed Forces and allied powers. In addition, SAIC serves 12 of 13 Cabinet-level U.S. civilian agencies and has supported all 22 agencies of the newly created Department of Homeland Security.

In the aftermath of September 11, it provided wide-ranging support in New York City and Washington, D.C., and for military and government agencies. Today, SAIC support helps safeguard the nation's critical infrastructure and the information assets of government agencies. Its systems and networks are used to thwart crime and terrorism, and its technologies are used to examine vehicles and containers at ports and borders without impeding the flow of commerce.

SAIC designed and developed the Composite Health Care System for U.S. military hospitals, worldwide. Now, the company's Frederick subsidiary manages the National Cancer Institute's leading center for cancer and AIDS research.

Telcordia Technologies, an SAIC subsidiary, is the leading provider of telecommunications network software and new wireless solutions for military and criminal justice initiatives.

Decades of service to energy, the environment and our space programs have improved cost efficiencies, reduced risk and produced measurable results. Agencies have selected SAIC to help them modernize and manage huge volumes of data and to develop internet-based systems praised for setting new standards for e-government.

Dr. Beyster's contributions to the nation as a leader in applying science, technology and innovation to meet national needs stand as a tribute to the American entrepreneur and truly